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## \$100,000 Stockton Men's Challenger, A USTA Pro Circuit Tour Event

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### 2016 STOCKTON FINALIST NOAH RUBIN RETURNS, DEFEATS PACIFIC'S AKRAM EL ALLALY IN FIRST ROUND OF MAIN DRAW

Stockton, Calif. – Noah Rubin, who was a finalist in the men's singles championship of the inaugural Stockton Men's Challenger a year ago, made his presence felt again in the first round of the main draw by defeating University of the Pacific's Akram El Sallaly 6-3, 6-2 on Monday at the Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center on the Pacific campus.

Using blistering pace and speed, Rubin was able to outthit El Sallaly from the baseline and made athletic gets to the net.

Rubin had a good start to the 2017 season by qualifying and winning his first-round match at the Australian Open, only to lose in the second round to eventual champion and world's No. 2 Roger Federer. Rubin, however, was injured at the ATP World Tour stop in Houston, when he suffered a wrist injury while slipping on the clay court and was out 4 1/2 months.

Rubin's victory was one of five main draw matches. Fourth seed Stefan Kozlov of the United States defeated Brayden Schnur of Canada 6-3, 6-2; No. 6 Darian King defeated Alexander Ward of Great Britain 7-5, 7-6 (2); Brydan Klein of Great Britain beat Jan Satral of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-2; and Liam Broady of Great Britain topped American Mitchell Krueger 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Four qualifying matches were played first thing in the morning. Frederik Nielsen eliminated wild card Sebastian Korda -- the son of 1998 Australian Open champion and former world No. 2 Petr Korda -- 7-5, 6-1; Sekou Bangoura of the United States defeated South Africa's Ruan Roelofse 7-5, 7-6 (9); Jan Choinski of Germany beat Matias Franco Descotte of Argentina 7-6 (6), 6-4; and former world's 20th ranked player Dmitry Tursunov outlasted American Eric Johnson 0-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In the men's doubles main draw, the unseeded team of Mexico's Hans Hach Verdugo and Ramkumar Ramanathan of India stunned No. 2 seeds Roelefse and his partner, Andreas Siljstrom 6-4, 1-6, 10-8. Nikola Milojevic of Serbia and Jan Satral of the Czech Republic dispatched Americans Jenson Brooksby and Boris Kozlov 6-1, 6-3.

The main draw continues at 10 a.m. today at the Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center. Featured players in action include top seed Ruben Bemelmans of Belgium taking on Elias Ymer of Sweden, and No. 2 Tenny's Sandgren, the



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highest ranked American in the field at 96th in the world, against Christopher O'Connell of Australia; and up-and-coming American Michael Mmoh, seeded third, against Tobias Kamke of Germany. Tickets are available at the door or at [evezimmermantenniscenter.com](http://evezimmermantenniscenter.com).

For more information on the tournament, visit [evezimmermantenniscenter.com](http://evezimmermantenniscenter.com), [ustaproccircuit.com](http://ustaproccircuit.com) and [atpworldtour.com](http://atpworldtour.com).

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### **\$100,000 Stockton Men's Challenger**

**A USTA Pro Circuit Event**

**Monday, October 3, 2017**

**Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center**

**Stockton, Calif.**

**Purse: \$100,000**

**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**

**Singles -- Qualifying**

Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, d. WC-Sebastian Korda, United States 7-5, 6-1

Sekou Bangoura, United States, d. Ruan Roelofse, South Africa, 7-5, 7-6 (9)

Jan Choinski, Germany, d. Matias Franco Descotte, Argentina 7-6 (4), 6-4

Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, d. Eric Johnson, United States, 0-6, 6-1, 6-3

**Singles -- Main draw**

Liam Broady, Great Britain, d. Mitchell Krueger, United States, 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Brydan Klein, Great Britain, d. Jan Satral, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

(6) Darian King, Barbados, d. PR-Alexander Ward, Great Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (2).



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(4) Stefan Kozlov, United States, d. Brayden Schnur, Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

Noah Rubin, United States, d. WC-Akram El Sallaly, Egypt, 6-3, 6-2

### **Doubles-Qualifying**

Denis Kudla, United States-Mikelis Libietis, Latvia, d. (2) Nick Chappell, United States-Bernardo Saraiva, Portugal, 6-3, 6-1

### **Doubles-Main draw**

Hans Hatch Verdugo, Mexico,-Ramkumar Ramanathan, India, d. (2) Ruan Roelofse-Andreas Siljeström, Sweden, 6-4, 1-6, 10-8.

## **Tuesday, October 3 - SCHEDULE**

### **Stadium Court - starting at 10 a.m.**

(1) Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, vs. Elias Ymer, Sweden, followed by

### **Not before 11:30 a.m.**

(8) Cameron Norrie, Great Britain vs. WC-Deiton Baughman, United States, followed by

Q-Frederik Nielsen vs. Tim Smyczek, United States, followed by

MacKenzie McDonald, United States, d. WC-Andre Goransson, Sweden

### **Court 2 - starting at 10 a.m.**

WC-Denis Kudla vs. Q-Jan Choinski, followed by

### **Not before 11:30 a.m.**

Christopher O'Connell, Australia, vs. (2) Tennys Sandgren, United States, followed by

Tobias Kamke, Germany vs. (3) Michael Mmoh, United States, followed by

Brydan Klein-Joe Salisbury, Great Britain, vs. WC-Akram El Sallaly-Bernardo Oliveira

### **Court 6 - Starting at 10 a.m.**

Christian Harrison, United States, vs. (5) Ramkumar Ramanathan, India, followed by





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**Not before 11:30 a.m.**

PR-Frank Dancevic, Canada, vs. Q-Sekou Bangoura, followed by

John-Patrick Smith, Australia, vs. Filip Peliwo, Canada, followed by

(7) Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada vs. Q-Dmitry Tursunov



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